

House Resolution No. 1950

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize those Show-Me State residents who have proven to be exceptional citizens in their local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Ann Chambers deserves commendation for her well-deserved selection to receive a 2002 St. Charles Crime Stoppers Citizen of the Year award which will be presented to her on Thursday, April 24, 2003, at the Eleventh Annual Community Recognition Dinner at The Columns Banquet Center; and

Whereas, Ann Chambers will receive Crime Stoppers honors and accolades because of the central role she played as a witness in the successful prosecution of the chief executive officer of Claywest Nursing Home; and

Whereas, in August 1999 Ann Chambers suspected that a resident of the Claywest Nursing Home was being physically abused by another employee; and

Whereas, even though Ann Chambers knew that management of the Claywest Nursing Home discouraged calls to the state's hotline to report suspected abuse of the elderly, she reported her suspicions to the Administrator who first attempted to conceal the abuse and then fired her when the resident died from injuries a few days later; and

Whereas, Ann Chambers made herself available for numerous interviews and court appearances during the subsequent police investigation and preparation of the Claywest Nursing Home case for court; and

Whereas, it is through the actions of citizens such as Ann Chambers that society is made safer and the criminal element is called to task for preying on the vast majority of an area's residents who are law-abiding and peaceful:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Ann Chambers for a 2002 St. Charles Crime Stoppers Citizen of the Year award and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of her willingness to intervene on behalf of others in dangerous circumstances; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ann Chambers, as an expression of our esteem for her and her civic contributions.

Offered by _____
Representative Tom Dempsey
District No. 18

Representative Thomas S. Green
District No. 15

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1950, adopted April 17, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker